

## CLAIMS

1. A method comprising:
  - presenting at least one calibrated spoken word; and
  - measuring speech intelligibility utilizing the at least one calibrated spoken word.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said presenting at least one calibrated spoken word comprises:
  - presenting the at least one calibrated spoken word having root-mean-squared calibration.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said presenting at least one calibrated spoken word comprises:
  - presenting the at least one calibrated spoken word having peak value calibration.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said presenting at least one calibrated spoken word comprises:
  - transmitting the at least one calibrated spoken word via at least one audio speaker.
5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said measuring speech intelligibility utilizing the at least one calibrated spoken word comprises:
  - calculating a number of words correctly identified based upon user input.

6. The method of Claim 5, wherein said calculating a number of words correctly identified based upon user input comprises:

accepting user input via a graphical user interface.

7. The method of Claim 6, wherein said accepting user input via a graphical user interface comprises:

displaying at least one six word ensemble via the graphical user interface;  
and

accepting, via the graphical user interface, user input selecting at least one word from the displayed at least one six word ensemble.

8. A system comprising:  
means for presenting at least one calibrated spoken word; and  
means for measuring speech intelligibility utilizing the at least one  
calibrated spoken word.

9. The system of Claim 8, wherein said means for presenting at least one  
calibrated spoken word comprises:

means for presenting the at least one calibrated spoken word having root-  
mean-squared calibration.

10. The system of Claim 8, wherein said means for presenting at least one  
calibrated spoken word comprises:

means for presenting the at least one calibrated spoken word having peak  
value calibration.

11. The system of Claim 8, wherein said means for presenting at least one  
calibrated spoken word comprises:

means for transmitting the at least one calibrated spoken word via at least  
one audio speaker.

12. The system of Claim 8, wherein said means for measuring speech  
intelligibility utilizing the at least one calibrated spoken word comprises:

means for calculating a number of words correctly identified based upon  
user input.

13. The system of Claim 12, wherein said means for calculating a number of words correctly identified based upon user input comprises:

means for accepting user input via a graphical user interface.

14. The system of Claim 13, wherein said means for accepting user input via a graphical user interface comprises:

means for displaying at least one six word ensemble via the graphical user interface; and

means for accepting, via the graphical user interface, user input selecting at least one word from the displayed at least one six word ensemble.

15. A program product comprising:

means for presenting at least one calibrated spoken word;

means for measuring a speech intelligibility utilizing the at least one calibrated spoken word; and

signal bearing media bearing said means for presenting and means for measuring.

16. The program product of Claim 15, wherein the signal bearing signal bearing media comprise:

transmission media or recordable media.